

In the claims:

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18. (Original) Apparatus for storing ice, comprising upper and lower storage bins, the upper storage bin having walls that are tapered from upper ends to lower ends thereof, such that the walls at the lower end define a larger opening than that defined by the walls at the upper end, whereby the walls are sufficiently tapered to facilitate gravity discharge of ice from the upper bin and to resist ice bridging therein.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the angle of taper of the walls is approximately 2° with the vertical.

20. (Original) Apparatus for storing ice, comprising upper and lower storage bins, wherein the lower bin has a bottom that is shaped to facilitate movement of ice to a generally centered dispensing location.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)